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STATEMENT RELATING TO OBLIGATION OF ASSIGNMENT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R §1.136.

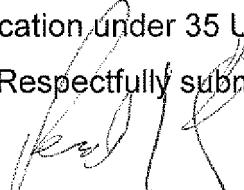
U.S. Patent No. 6,846,790 to Evers et al. has been made of record during prosecution of the above-identified application.

To the extent there is any chance that Evers et al. could be cited against the application under 35 USC §103 (although applicants do not believe or concede it should be citable), applicants note that the subject matter of the Evers et al. reference, as well as the subject matter of the claimed invention were, at the time each of the respective inventions were made, either owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. In this case, that "person" in both cases is:

Unilever Home & Personal Care USA,
division of Conopco, Inc.
having a place of business at
33 Benedict Place,
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In view of this common obligation of assignment, as indicated above, the reference is not citable against the subject application under 35 USC §103.

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